Irregularities in children homes

2749. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children homes, especially in Mumbai, have been found with serious irregularities/lapses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to preserve the children homes with proper infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Reports of irregularities have come to notice in the children homes located in Maharashtra recently due to mismanagement. The Government of Maharashtra has drawn up an action plan for sanctioning new homes, upgrading the facilities, training the staff, grading the institutes and reviewing the vocational training programmes.

The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are provided funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice' for *inter-alia,* maintenance and up-gradation of children homes.

Inclusion in OBC List

2750. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of castes included in the list of OBCs;

(b) whether Government propose to include some more castes in the list of OBCs;

(c) whether any representation have been received in this respect from the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) 4582 castes/communities (including synonyms) from different State/

UTs have so far been included in the Central List of OBCs, details of which is available on the website of National Commission for Backward Classes.

(b) to (d) The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) which examines requests for inclusion of any caste/community in the Central List of OBCs has been receiving representations from time to time and sends advices for inclusion/rejection. After due examination, the Central Government issues Notifications for inclusion of such castes/communities in the Central List of OBCs. In the current year, only five representations have been received from individuals for inclusion of Rawat/Rajput Rawat for Delhi and Moyla/Musla (Muslim Kumhar), Nagauir (Muslim), Sindhi Musalman, Deshwli Muslim for Rajasthan.

Rehabilitation of Riyang tribe in Mizoram and Tripura

†2751. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the refugees of Riyang tribe of Mizoram and Tripura have been rehabilitated and their names have been included in the voter list;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, at present Rs. 11.00 crores per annum is being paid to Government of Tripura by that Ministry as grants-in-aid for maintenance of refugees of Riyang tribe in Tripura. The Government have been making efforts for the repatriation of these refugees to Mizoram. Ministry of Home Affairs has also conveyed to the State Government of Mizoram the decision of the Union Government to extend grants-in-aid of Rs. 28.64 crores for rehabilitation and resettlement of Bru Refugees on their repatriation from Tripura to Mizoram, out of which an amount of Rs. 4.89 crores has already been sanctioned as advance during 2004-05.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.